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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 5,966,232
U.S. Patent No. 6,046,835
U.S. Patent No. 6,108,115

The above U.S. Patents issued from applications having at least one inventor in common with the present application.

Foreign counterparts to the above citations have been published, and those foreign counterparts are possibly available as prior art under § 102.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

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09/733,065	December 11, 2000	N/Y/A	4346385

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the application specification, claims and drawings for the foregoing U.S. Application is enclosed.

It is noted that the claims provided with the foregoing application are as currently pending in that application and all amendments to the claims, if any, are included.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		5,966,232	10/12/99	Kimura et al.	359	205	
		6,046,835	04/04/00	Yamawaki et al.	359	205	
		6,108,115	08/22/00	Kimura et al.	359	205	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT

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